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TAGS: PINT, SM
SUBJECT: SAN MARINO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

1. THE FOLOWING ARE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF MAY 28, 1978 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN SAN MARINO. RESULTS OF 1974 ELECTIONS SHOWN IN PARENTHESIS. SAN MARINO PARLIAMENT (GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL) HAS 60 MEMBERS.

	SEATS	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDCS)	26 (25)	42.3 (39.6)
MOVEMENT FOR STATUTORY LIBERTY (MSL)	(1)	(1.6)
SOCIALISTS (PSS)	8 (8)	13.8 (13.9)
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (DS)	2	4.2

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UNITARY SOCIALISTS (PSU)	7	11.1
INDEPENDENT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSDIS)	(9)	(15.4)
COMMUNISTS (PCS)	16 (15)	25.1 (23.7)

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PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(PDP) (1) (1.9)

COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE
OF THE REPUBLIC (CDR) 1 (1) 2.8 (3.0)

MARXIST-LENINIST (PML) - (-) 0.7 (0.9)

2. THE FIGURES GIVEN FOR 1974 AND 1978 IN THE ABOVE CHART DO NOT PERMIT AN ACCURATE COMPARISON BETWEEN THESE TWO ELECTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. THE MSL DID NOT PRESENT A LIST IN 1978 ELECTIONS. DURING 1975 THE PSDIS SPLIT INTO TWO NEW PARTIES, THE DS AND THE PSU. ITS 9 MEMBERS DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: 5 TO THE PSU, 3 TO THE DS AND ONNE JOINED THE PSS. ALSO IN 1975 THE PDP MEMBER JOINED THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PDP PRESENTED NO LIST IN 1978. THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ELECTED IN MAY 1978 ELECTIONS AS COMPARED WITH THE MEMBERS EACH PARTY HAD IN THE PARLIAMENT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THESE ELECTIONS.

PARTIES 1978 SEATS 1974 SEATS

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS 26 (25)
MOVEMENT FOR STATUTORY
LIBERTY - (1)
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS 2 (3)
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SOCIALISTS 8 (9)
UNITARY SOCIALISTS 7 (5)
COMMUNISTS 16 (16)
COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE
OF THE REPUBLIC 1 (1)

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3. A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMED US MAY 30 THAT 400 CHALLENGED VOTES WILL BE EXAMINED AND DECIDED UPON BY A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE NO EARLIER THAN JULY 1978. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF CHALLENGED VOTES IS RELATIVELY HIGH FOR A SAN MARINO ELECTION, SAME OFFICIAL SAID THAT NO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF ESEATS GAINED BY EACH PARTY ARE EXPECTED. THIS OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD US THAT PRESS REPORTS STATING THAT TWO BUS LOADS OF SAN MARINO VOTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES HAD ARRIVED TOO LATE TO VOTE WERE UNTRUE.

4. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM ABOVE CHARTS, A LEFTIST COALITION OF PCS, PSS AND PSU WOULD HAVE AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF 31 SEATS. ALSO, THE PPDCS (READ PDCS) AND THE PSS (WHICH IS TO THE RIGHT OF THE PSU) WOULD HAVE AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF 34 TO FORM A CENTER-LEFT COALITION. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS A MONOCOLORE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE PARLIAMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE ITALIAN MODEL. FINALLY, THERE COULD BE Z GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF MOST PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE SAN MARINO PARLIAMENT.
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5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THE FIRST CHOICE OF THE COMMUNISTS IS A GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF ALL PARTIES EXCEPT THE FAR RIGHT CDR. THEIR SECOND CHOICE IS A PCS, PSS, PSU COALITION. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS SAY THAT THEY REFUSE TO ENTER ANY COALITION WITH THE COMMUNISTS. THE UNITARY SOCIALIST (PSU) LINE IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE COMMUNISTS. THE SOCIALIST (PSS) SAY THAT THEY WILL NOT FORM A CENTER-LEFT COALITION WITH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.

6. IF THESE POLITICAL PARTIES MEAN WHAT THEY SAY THE MOST LIKELY NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE A LEFTIST COALITION COMPOSED OF THE COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS AND UNITARY SOCIALIST.

7. THE INCREASE OF 2.7 PERCENT FOR THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND THE LOSS OF 0.5 PERCENT FOR THE COMBINEDN PDP/PCS TICKET

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HAS NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE AS REGARD THE RELATIVE
STRENGTH OF SAN MARINO'S TWO LARGEST PARTIES. DURING THE LAST
6 ELECTIONS IN SAN MARINO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC VOTE HAS
VARIED FROM 39.1 PERCENT TO 46.8 PERCENT AND THE COMMUNIST
VOTE FROM 22.8 PERCENT TO 33 PERCENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE
HAS BEEN NO PARTICULAR TREND UP OR DOWN REGARDING EITHER PARTY.
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